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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2176**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hirotaoka OHASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2176

Application No.: 10/652,496

Examiner: C. NGUYEN

Filed: September 2, 2003

Docket No.: 116706

For: LAYOUT SYSTEM, LAYOUT PROGRAM, AND LAYOUT METHOD

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 25, 2006 Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**